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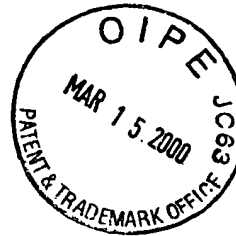
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Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, respectfully request a one-month extension of time period for responding to the Office Action dated November 15, 1999.

With this filing, the period for response is thus extended up to and including March 15, 2000.

Our check for \$110.00 for the extension of time fee is included herewith.

Please charge any additional fees which may be necessary with respect to this filing to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 02-4300, and credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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